

1	2	3	4	5
16. Mizoram		8	584	1.4
17. Nagaland		60	648	9.2
18. Orissa		2070	8086	25.6
19. Punjab		3861	4254	90.8
20. Rajasthan		4471	25711	17.4
21. Sikkim		16	114	14.0
22. Tamil Nadu		2698	8361	32.3
23. Tripura		50	310	16.1
24. Uttar Pradesh		11322	20838	54.3
25. West Bengal		1911	5932	32.2
Total States		50035	184165	27.2
Total UTs		66	211	31.3
Grand Total		50101	184376	27.2

Source : Land Use Statistics (Latest), brought out by the Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation.

Indians in Hong Kong

1355. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 3000 Indians face statelessness at the time of handing over of Hong Kong to China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government intends to take up the matter with Chinese authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). According to the statistics released recently by the Immigration Department in Hong Kong, the number of persons of Indian origin likely to be faced with statelessness at some, as yet indeterminate, future date is 3,190. These persons are defined as permanent residents of Hong Kong of Indian origin who hold British Dependent Territories Citizens (BDTC) or British National Overseas (BNO) passports but do not have any other nationality.

When Hong Kong reverts to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997, those persons who can show proof of seven years of continuous residence in Hong Kong would be entitled to permanent identity cards providing them with the right of abode in Hong Kong. Most British Dependent Territories Citizens (BDTC) or British National Overseas (BNO) passport holders are expected to qualify.

Under the present UK policy, the first two generations of offspring of British Dependent Territories Citizens (BDTC) or British National Overseas (BNO) passport holders, born after 1997, will be given the status of British Overseas Citizens (BOC). This would entitle them to British consular protection but not the

right of abode in the United Kingdom. The third generation will not be granted this status and might therefore be rendered "stateless" unless they have acquired citizenship of China or another country by then.

(c) and (d). Government have raised this matter with the British and Chinese Governments. It has been the consistent position of the Government of India that the British Government has basic responsibility towards British Dependent Territories Citizens (BDTC) or British National Overseas (BNO) passport holders and that it should take necessary steps to safeguard the status of these persons as British citizens. Senior Chinese officials have stated on several occasions that this group of persons do have the option of applying for Chinese citizenship.

Utilisation of River Water

1356. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a comprehensive scheme for maximising the utilisation of river waters of the country has been drawn up;

(b) whether the Government have spotted out the areas/States which are likely to be affected by water distribution disputes during the next ten years; and

(c) measures in hand to prevent such disputes taking a serious turn on account of the rising shortage of water and the rising level of demand in different areas/States?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) A National Perspective for Water Resources Development has been prepared by the Central Government for transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins which will help in maximising the utilisation of river waters. Reduction of evaporation losses in reservoirs and efficient conveyance and distribution of water also help in maximising the utilisation.

(b) With the increasing trends in population and economic generation activities in the country, the demand of water is increasing. As such, reduction in per capita availability of water may lead to disputes.

(c) Agreements and Tribunal awards on sharing of water between the basin states are binding on the parties. The states have to supplement the increasing requirement of water by conjunctive use of Surface and Ground Water.

[Translation]

Roads Falling under Cantonment Area

1357. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the policy to ban the roads falling under cantonment area for public transport;

(b) the number of roads in Bareilly cantonment area banned for public transport during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) There is no policy to ban the Roads in Cantonment area for public transport. Closure/opening of streets/roads in the Cantonment area is governed under Section 192 of the Cantonments Act, 1924. Relevant Extracts of the Cantonments Act are given in enclosed statement.

(b) and (c). Use of no road has been banned for public transport in Bareilly Cantonment by the Cantonment Board. There are, however, two roads in Bareilly Cantonment area over which certain restrictions on movement of traffic have been imposed on the ground of security as these roads pass through Military areas. One of these roads pass through Jat Regimental Centre. This is an internal road on A-A land primarily used by the personnel and vehicles of Jat Regimental centre. A civil suit filed by members of public in this case in sub-judice.

The other road pass through Army Services Corps. Animal Transport Battalion Area. Movement of heavy vehicles in restricted on this road due to frequent movement of heavy vehicles is restricted on this road due to frequent movement for training and exercise of the animals.

On both these roads pedestrian and cyclist traffic is allowed and heavy vehicles are not allowed.

STATEMENT

192. Closing and Opening of Streets:

(1) (Board) shall not permanently close any street or open any new street without the previous sanctions of the (Officer Commanding-in-Chief, the Command or the Director).

(2) (The Executive Officer) may, by public notice, temporarily close any street or any part of a street of repair or for the purpose of carrying out any work connected with drainage, water supply or lighting or any other work which it is by or under this Act required or permitted to carry out :

Provided that where, owing to any works or repairs or from any other cause, the condition of any street or of any water-work, drain, culvert or premises vested in the (Board), is such as to be likely to cause danger to the public, the (Board) shall -

(a) take all reasonable means for the protection of the adjacent buildings and land and provide reasonable means of access thereto;

(b) cause sufficient barriers or fences to be erected for the security of life and property, and cause such

barriers or fences to be sufficiently lighted from sunset to sunrise.

COMMENTS

(1) Street - Order prohibiting heavy vehicles to ply on portion of road - Public notice issued prior to prohibition inviting objections - order issued for security of people for maintenance of peace and property-Held-Municipality had jurisdiction to issue and implement order.

(2) Public Road - It includes road side land.

[English]

Medical College

1358. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether to the proposal of setting up of Medical college at Pariyaram Cannanore, Kerala has been cleared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the college is likely to commerce functioning;

(d) whether funds proposed to be advanced by HUDCO to Pariyaram Medical College had been withheld; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Permission of the Central Government was given on the 17th July, 1995 under the provisions of Section 10 (A) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 to Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram, Kannur for setting up a medical college.

(c) As per report submitted by the Director, Academy of Medical Sciences, Kannur, Medical College had started functioning.

(d) and (e). The Government has no information.

Innovation of New Vaccine

1359. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the innovation of some new kind of vaccine for treating AIDS, Malaria, epilepsy and several other diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said vaccines have since been tested;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and